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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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FOR GINGLES

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PAYMENT OF PAST DUE BILLS

1. PRIOR TO DEPARTING TEHRAN, DANIEL HAMMOND TRANSMITTED
THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY FARAHBAKHSIAN,
DATED JULY 20, 1977:

QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARTICLES
OF OUR ADVISORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, WE EN-
CLOSE TWO COPIES OF BILLING NUMBER 20 COVERING EXPENDI-
TURES MADE BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 1977. TO FACILITATE YOUR
REVIEW, THE COSTS TOTALING DOLS 41,787.84, ARE CLASSIFIED
AND RELATED TO SPECIFIC ARTICLES OF THE AGREEMENT. WE
MUST APOLOGIZE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE BILLING IN
ENGLISH WITHOUT THE ACCOMPANYING FARSI TRANSLATION.
HOWEVER WE BELIEVE THAT YOU REALIZE THAT WITH THE CLOSING
OF OUR OFFICE OUR STAFF HAS BEEN GREATLY REDUCED.

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2. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT BILLS SUBMITTED FROM
DECEMBER 1976 THROUGH THIS JUNE BILLING TOTALING
DOLS 390,149.79 REMAIN UNPAID. DEPUTY MINISTER AYNECHIAN
HAS INFORMED US THAT HE WILL TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST
IN THE MATTER IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE FUNDS TO
PAY THE OUTSTANDING BILLS. WE HOPE THAT HE WILL BE

SUCCESSFUL AND WE MAY INFORM OUR WASHINGTON OFFICE THAT THE BILLS HAVE BEEN PAID PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE.

3. WHEN THE FUNDS ARE OBTAINED WOULD YOU REPLENISH THE DOLLAR ADVANCE BY FORWARDING A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF DOLS 390,149.79 IN FAVOR OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CABLED THROUGH THE RIGGS NATIONAL BANK IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION SHOULD THE MONEY NOT BE CABLED PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE, FUTURE INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE STATUS WILL BE BY THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY ACTING ON BAHALF OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

(SIGNED) DANIEL S. HAMMOND; DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR.
END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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